IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A portable information terminal apparatus comprising:

acquiring means for acquiring a plurality of pieces of program information;

first display controlling means for controlling display on a display screen of said program information acquired by said acquiring means;

extracting means for extracting a time included in said program information;

retrieving means which, based on the time extracted by said extracting means, retrieves other program information about programs to be broadcast in a time slot relative to said program information; and

second display controlling means for controlling display on said display screen of said other program information after retrieval by said retrieving means,

wherein said acquiring means acquires said program information by ~~issuing~~ transmitting through a network, a request including a unique user ID to a provider and acquires said program information applicable to the user ID through said network.

2.   (Original) A portable information terminal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said time is a broadcast start time.

3.   (Original) A portable information terminal apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising third display controlling means which, if any program name is selected by a user performing an operation from among said other program information displayed on said display screen under control of said second display controlling means, then controls display on said display screen of detailed program information about the selected program information.

4.   (Original) A portable information terminal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, if said other program information cannot be displayed entirely at one time on said display screen, then said second display controlling means calls up an undisplayed part of said other program information for display based on an operation performed by a user.

5.   (Currently Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

acquiring a plurality of pieces of program information by ~~issuing~~ transmitting through a network, a request including a unique user ID to a provider and acquiring said program information applicable to the user ID through said network;

controlling display on a display screen of said program information acquired in said acquiring step;

extracting a time included in said program information;

retrieving, based on the time extracted in said extracting step, other program information about programs to be broadcast in a time slot relative to said program information; and

controlling display on said display screen of said other program information after retrieval in said retrieving step.

6.   (Currently Amended) A ~~computer-program storage medium which stores a computer-program which is readable by a computer, said computer-program comprising~~ program stored on a computer-readable medium, executable on a computer causing the computer to perform the steps of:

acquiring a plurality of pieces of program information by ~~issuing~~ transmitting through a network, a request including a unique user ID to a provider and acquiring said program information applicable to the user ID through said network;

controlling display on a display screen of said program information acquired in said acquiring step;

extracting a time included in said program information;

retrieving, based on the time extracted in said extracting step, other program information about programs to be broadcast in a time slot relative to said program information; and

controlling display on said display screen of said other program information after retrieval in said retrieving step.

7.   (Currently Amended) A ~~recording~~ computer-readable medium storing a ~~computer-readable~~ program for causing a computer to execute the steps of:

acquiring a plurality of pieces of program information by ~~issuing~~ transmitting through a network, a request including a unique user ID to a provider and acquiring said program information applicable to the user ID through said network;

controlling display on a display screen of said program information acquired in

said acquiring step;

extracting a time included in said program information;

retrieving, based on the time extracted in said extracting step, other program

information about programs to be broadcast in a time slot relative to said program information;

and

controlling display on said display screen of said other program information after

retrieval in said retrieving step.